

Launcells Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 01st November 2021 at 7:30pm.

Present: Alan Whittle (Chairman), Maxwell Allin, Trevor Elliott, Andrew Hargreaves, Sheila Minter, Brian Pollard, Matthew Stokes, Graham Tape, Paul Wingard, Ian Saltern (Clerk)

Apologies: Margaret Cleave, Cllr Nicky Chopak (Cornwall Council)

395.01/11 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 04th October 2021:

The minutes of the meeting held on 04th October 2021, which had previously been distributed, were approved for signature.

396.01/11 Matters arising from these minutes not dealt with elsewhere (white lining thanks and bill, Red Post Defib):

Alan Whittle expressed the thanks of the Parish Council to Maxwell Allin, Brian Pollard, Graham Tape and Trevor Elliott for their respective contributions to the white lining of the car park. An invoice of £180.00 for the work had been received and would be paid. Alan reported that the defibrillator at Red Post was now formally registered and the issue resolved.

397.01/11 Report from Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak:

Nicky Chopak was not able to attend the meeting but had notified Alan Whittle that she was seeking further information regarding the assessment of the planning application PA19/06965 Argum Villa.

398.01/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

399.01/11 Public participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

400.01/11 Planning matters

PA21/09603 – 4 Lower Pigsdon Farm Barns – Retrospective planning for raised decking.

PA21/09399 – 3 Lower Pigsdon Farm Barns – Certificate of lawfulness existing use for: property being used for residential use as opposed to holiday flats

No objections to either planning application were raised by Councillors.

PA19/06965 - Argum Villa Proposed change of use (part retrospective) of storage buildings to fitness studio Land West of Argum Villa, Launcells, Bude – Cornwall - Feedback from Cornwall Council Planning.

Alan Whittle outlined the actions he had taken following the last Parish Council meeting. Following a conversation with the planning officer assessing this application, Alan had sought the views of all Parish Councillors regarding a form of words which could be submitted to Cornwall Council as Launcells Parish Council's official view on the Argum Villa application:

“Launcells Parish Council objects to this part-retrospective application because of the traffic concerns. We fundamentally disagree with the Traffic report which clearly is written to minimise the issues, is superficial and demonstrably inaccurate. We are also very concerned that a significant business has grown in this area through what are, in reality, two retrospective planning applications. It is very

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disappointing that the applicants have chosen to act in this manner, in contrast to most applicants who choose to follow the normal route of seeking permission before building”.

Alan Whittle proposed that Launcells Parish Council accept this wording as its official comment as a consultee. Seconded by Andrew Hargreaves. 8 in favour – 1 against. The proposal was passed.

401.01/11 Red Post – Update (SM, IS)

Sheila Minter reported that she had spoken with the forgers of the new sign. The patters had required some modification but the forging had been completed without any problems. The work would be fully completed next week (w/b 8.11.21) and Sheila had asked to be notified of intended date of installation. Alan Whittle reported that Oliver Jones (Cornwall Council Highways) was content with the use of anti-theft bolts on the new sign. Sheila to ask foundry if anti-theft bolts would be acceptable. Alan asked if any spare paint could be made available to ensure the bottom of the post matched the colour of the new finger signs. Zoe Bernard John (Cornwall Council Community Link Officer) would arrange a photo opportunity once new post was installed. Alan Whittle would contact Helen Shingler, a regular contributor to Bude & Beyond to request an update be written for Launcells Parish News and other news outlets. Paul Wingard asked if a security camera could be pointed at the new post from the Red Post Inn. Trevor Elliott would enquire if this would be possible. Ian Saltern to send a thank you card to Paul Horrocks at Red Post in lieu of donation.

402.01/11 Playing Field - Grass cutting

Graham Tape reported that this had been undertaken. Thanks were expressed to Graham.

403.01/11 Individual Councillor Tasks

Alan Whittle reminded Councillors to submit a sentence or two outlining their understanding of the tasks for which they had assumed responsibility: Maxwell Allin – Playing field; Margaret Cleave – Footpaths – ash dieback; Trevor Elliot – Bus shelters, signs and Red Post; Andrew Hargreaves – Salt bins; Sheila Minter – Commons; Brian Pollard – Launcells Parish Hall car park; Matt Stokes – Graveyards; Graham Tape – Planters, flowerbeds and kiosk; Paul Wingard – Orchard Trust; Alan Whittle – Emergency Plan, Defibrillator.

Ian Saltern reported that Sheila Minter, Paul Wingard, Brian Pollard and Matt Stokes had thus far submitted their task descriptions.

404.01/11 Budget Setting 2021/2022

Alan Whittle reported that he had reviewed the process involved in setting last year’s budget ahead of this year. He said that this year’s accounts are complicated to some extent by the monies currently being held to pay for the Red Post reinstallation and the remaining Archive Room budget. Alan asked Councillors to consider what possible non-routine costs might need to be met in the coming year – for example, a replacement lawn mower. Graham Tape said that it might require two new belts. Paul Wingard asked if the all of the grant money for the Archive Room project had been spent. Ian Saltern reported that there was a small amount still to be paid out. Alan reported that the emergency lights in the Parish Hall and Archive Room were now operating correctly and certified. Alan remained

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concerned that the as to whether the underfloor heating monitor was working correctly in the Archive Room. Ian and Alan will prepare a budget summery and proposal in the next two weeks, as the Clerk can now gain access to the bank account (see below).

405.01/11 Clerk's Report

a) Bank signatory resolution – Ian Saltern reported that his official appointment as a signatory on the Parish Council's bank account was still to be resolved as the bank required signed and approved minutes showing the resolution to appoint Ian had been agreed. Those minutes (from the last Parish Council meeting) had been signed tonight and Ian would expedite his appointment as bank signatory allowing him full access to the account.

b) Active Plus Course - Ian reminded Councillors that he had circulated an email detailing the Confidence and Motivation Course taking place in Bude in January and asked Councillors to pass on this information to whomsoever it might be of interest.

c) Platinum Jubilee Beacons – Ian reminded Councillors that he had circulated an email from Bruno Peek, 'Pageantmaster' giving details as to how communities can get involved in the proposed Jubilee Beacons celebrations to mark Her Majesty the Queen's seventy-year reign. Andrew Hargreaves suggested that the idea of the Parish being involved with the celebrations should be suggested through Launcells Parish News, Facebook and the Parish website to gauge interest. All agreed. Ian Saltern to promote opportunity.

d) Election recharges - Ian reported that an email had been received from Cornwall Council stating that the sum to be paid by Launcells Parish Council to cover the Local Government Election expenses in May 2021 might not be notified until the New Year.

e) Launcells History Group – Ian reminded Councillors that an important meeting of the Launcells History Group is scheduled for 7:30pm on Thursday November 25th and encouraged all to attend. Alan Whittle reminded Councillors that the Parish Council had assumed responsibility for the Launcells History Group Archive.

406.01/11 Chairman's Report

- Alan Whittle reported that he had attended the Bude Community Network Panel meeting on 6th October 2021 at which cancer charity Macmillan had made an impressive presentation. Alan asked Ian Saltern to ensure information about Macmillan was circulated through Parish media sources (magazine, website, Facebook).

- Alan reported that another attempt being made to establish a cross-border cycle path was continuing.

- Stratton Minor Injuries Unit remains an issue. Together with Nicky Chopak and Simon Beesley, Alan is seeking to confirm the future of the overnight service at the MIU. Latest correspondence from Dr Tamsyn Anderson, Chief Executive Officer of NHS Kernow states that "There is no plan to change the status quo at moment". Little data regarding use of the MIU is forthcoming currently due to intense workload of NHS staff.

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- As Chair and Vice Chair of Bude Community Network Panel, Simon Beesley and Alan have been meeting with Parish Councils in the Community Network Area to hear what issues they have. All Parishes will have been visited by early in the the New Year. Issues raised thus far have been transport to and from hospitals and the need for electric charging points in the parishes.
- Alan reported that due to the dilapidation of the boardwalk on the Plane Keeper's Path, the route had been closed for some time. Cllr Peter La Broy (Cornwall Council) was seeking solutions.
- Alan reported that there was significant opposition to plans for a crematorium in Poundstock parish. Bude Community Network Panel recognises that there is burial capacity issues in the area and will establish a discussion group to investigate the issue. All present supported the establishment of such a group.
- Alan asked Councillors' views on feeding into the Bude Climate Project's efforts to address carbon footprint of the wider Bude area. Paul Wingard was of the view that the Parish Council should do what it could to assist. Andrew Hargreaves believed that a serious effort was needed and that more trees could be planted in Launcells parish.
- Alan reported that Oliver Jones has committed to the provision of a 'No Footpath' sign for Grimscott. Sheila Minter reported that she now has 5 volunteers for her Speed Watch team but requires one further volunteer to make two teams of 3. A request for further volunteers would be made via Launcells Parish News, Facebook and website.
- Alan reported that he was concerned that the Parish might lose the option to have the website maintained and asked Councillors to seek people who might assist. Brian Pollard suggested that he might be able to identify someone to undertake maintenance. Graham Tape asked how many people visit the website – Ian Saltern to ascertain.

407.01/11 Invoices for payment

Cornwall Council – repayment of clerk's salary & admin fees (September 2021)	£243.25
Petrol for grass cutting of Playing Field	£35.00

It was proposed by Alan Whittle, seconded by Andrew Hargreaves and unanimously agreed to approve the following payments notified on the agenda and presented at the meeting.

408.01/11 Other matters

Alan said that Councillors would now get advanced noticed of duties to write an article for the magazine. Margaret Cleave was next to pen an article (January). Ian Saltern was asked to notify Margaret as she was not attending this meeting.

Next article for Launcells Parish News – Ian Saltern (December), Cllr Cleave (January)

Clearing of dog waste bin – Cllr Hargreaves followed by Cllr Minter

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Next Meeting: Monday 6th December 2021 – 7:30pm